goal of universal elementary education, in a mission mode and in a time bound manner.

(b) and (c) The World Bank alongwith Department for International Development (DFID) of United Kingdom and European Commission have provided financial assistance for the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme as such, for the period 2003-04 to 2005-06 on reimbursement basis upto an amount of Rs. 4700 Crore (approx.).

Setting up of primary schools with World Bank assistance

793. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up primary schools in the rural areas with the assistance of World Bank;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount allocated for the purpose during the last three years especially in Bihar and Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The World Bank alongwith Department for International Development (DFID) of United Kingdom and European Commission have provided financial assistance for the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme as such, for the period 2003-04 to 2005-06 on reimbursement basis. upto an amount of Rs. 4700 crore (approx.).

(c) The Central share provided to Bihar & Maharashtra during the last 3 years under SSA, was as follows:-

(Rs. in crore)

Name of State	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Maharashtra	354.89	502.35	521.58
Bihar	319.70	323.99	1077.44

Assistance for professional education in Bihar

794. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned assistance to Bihar Government for professional education during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received proposals from the State Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details of the proposals finalized / pending?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Standard of universities

795. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI VINAY KATIYAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the University Grants Commission only a few Indian universities make it to the top rank, while the rest of the universities are of medium status or below par;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government/University Grants Commission have chalked out a plan for opening up of universities in the private sector;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Planning Commission has proposed to curtail the funds for higher education;

(f) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(g) the corrective measures taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D.PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) has assessed 140 Universities out of which only 2 Universities are in the lowest bracket having less than 60 marks on a 100 point scale.

(c) and (d) There are 11 Private Universities in Six States of the country, established by State Legislative Acts. In addition, there are many private unaided institutions which have been granted Deemed to be University Status. The Central Government has no proposal to establish a Private University.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) and (g) Do not arise.

Technical/professional institutions

796. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE :
SHRI VINAY KATIYAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of technical/professional institutions functioning in the country, State-wise;